

# **MN Department of Human Services**

## **Social Services Manual**

### **County of Financial Responsibility**

**III-5000**

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### **Authority**

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1. Minn. Stat.256G.09 (1998) (Determining Financial Responsibility).
2. Minn. Stat.256E.08 (1998) (Duties of County Boards).
3. Minnesota Rules, parts 9550.0010 to 9550.0093 (Administration of Community Social Services).

### **Definitions**

**III-5200**

1. County of Service: County arranging for or providing social services to individual clients at the request of the client, the client's authorized representative, or the county of financial responsibility.

**Part 9550.0010, subpart 8**

2. County of Financial Responsibility: County responsible for the payment of individual client social services as specified in Minn. Stat. 256G.02, subd. 4.

**Part 9550.0010, subpart 7**

3. Minor Child: A person under 18 years of age unless otherwise specified in a program administered by the Commissioner.

**Minn. Stat. 256G.10**

## **County of Financial Responsibility**

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### **Determination of County of Financial Responsibility**

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The county responsible for payment of community social services is the county in which the recipient of services resides at the time of application, except if the applicant is residing in the following facilities at the time of application:

1. regional treatment centers.
2. other hospitals.
3. sanitoriums.
4. nursing homes.
5. board and care homes.
6. shelters, other than emergency shelters.
7. halfway houses.
8. foster homes (child and adult).
9. semi-independent living domiciles offering residential care.

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10. board and lodging facilities offering 24-hour care or supervision of the mentally ill, developmentally disabled or physically disabled.
11. maternity shelters.
12. battered women's shelters.
13. correctional facilities.

If the applicant is in one of the facilities described above and has previously resided in this state without being in such a facility, then the county of financial responsibility is the county in which the applicant resided immediately before entering the facility.

For an applicant who has not resided in this state for any time other than the time spent in the facilities described above, the county of financial responsibility is the county in which the person resides at the time of making application.

**Adapted from Minn. Stat. 256G.02, subd. 4;  
Minn. Stat. 256G.03**

## **Change of County of Financial Responsibility**

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The county of financial responsibility does not change as a result of referral or approval of referral for services to another county by the county of financial responsibility. A person, who has applied for and is receiving services or assistance in any county in this state, and moves to another county in the state is entitled to receive service from the county from which that person has moved until that person has resided for two full calendar months in the county to which that person has moved, provided the person has not resided in any of the facilities listed in SSM III-5310.

**Adapted from Minn. Stat. 256G.07, subd.1**

## **County of Financial Responsibility for Minors**

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The residence of the parent of a minor child, with whom the child last lived in a nonexcluded time setting, or guardian of a ward determines the residence of the child or ward for all social services. Physical or legal custody has no bearing on residence determinations.

When a minor reaches the age of 18, the county of financial responsibility is the county in which the minor resides. If a person continues in residential care or treatment after reaching the age of 18, the county which initiated the treatment is the county of financial responsibility.

This does not apply to situations involving another state, limit the application of an interstate compact, or apply to situations involving state wards where the Commissioner is defined by law as the guardian.

**Adapted from Minn. Stat. 256G.10**

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The county of financial responsibility for detoxification services is the county where the client is physically present when the need for services is identified. If that need is identified while the client is a resident of a chemical dependency facility, the provisions of Minn. Stat. 256G.02, subd. 4 (c) and (d), apply.

**Minn. Stat. 256G.06**

Identification of need refers to the initial contact with the client and not the official diagnosis by a treatment center following referral. In cases in which one county has initial contact with the client and another county provides treatment for the client, the county of initial contact shall be the identifying county and therefore the county of financial responsibility.

**Adapted from Minn. Stat. 256E.08, subd. 7**

### **Minnesota Family Investment Program, General Assistance, or Medical Assistance, Family General Assistance, General Assistance Medical Care, and Minnesota Supplemental Aid Recipients**

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A person who has applied for and is receiving services or assistance in any county in this state, and who moved to another county in this state, is entitled to continue to receive that service from the county from which that person has moved until that person has resided in nonexcluded status for two full calendar months in the county to which that person has moved.

**Minn. Stat. 256G.07, subd. 1**

### **Emergency Social Services**

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(See SSM III-4400)